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In re application of:

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Recombinational Cloning of  
Nucleic Acid Molecules**

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**Notice of Appeal From the Examiner to the Board  
of Patent Appeals and Interferences - Large Entity**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final decision of the Examiner dated **October 1, 2001**, in which claims 14-51 and 65-88 were finally or twice rejected.

The fee (for a large entity) for filing a Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b)), along with any necessary extension fees (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)), is included in our Check No. 34702. In the event that extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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